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In re Application of
Nicolas Voute et al
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ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed July 7, 2003, to revive the above-identified application.

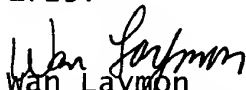
The petition is GRANTED.

The two-month period for filing an appeal brief in triplicate (accompanied by the fee required by 37 CFR 1.17(c)), runs from the date of this decision.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to reply within the meaning of 37 CFR 1.113 in a timely manner to the final Office action mailed December 19, 2002, which set a shortened statutory period for reply of three (3) months. A reply under 37 CFR 1.113 is limited to an amendment that *prima facie* places the application in condition for allowance, the filing of a continuing application, or Notice of Appeal (and appeal fee required by 37 CFR 1.17(b)). Since the amendments submitted do not *prima facie* placing the application in condition for allowance, no request for filing of a continuing application, and no Notice of Appeal (and appeal fee) was timely filed. Extensions of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) were obtained. Accordingly, the above-identified application became abandoned on June 20, 2003.

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The application file is being forwarded to Technology Center AU 1723.


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